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PRICE OF PEANUTS NO LONGER JOKE

Increases One Hundred and Twenty-Five Percent

Poor Crop in Virginia Coupled With Shortage of Labor Cause the Present Rise.

SOME FIGURES ON SUBJECT.

Peanuts are advancing to an almost prohibitive price. For several months the price has been crawling up, and Mr. John Scott, of the Paducah Peanut company, gave reasons for the advance in the popular "goober peas."

Since November 1, the harvest time of last year's crop, the price has advanced 125 per cent, or to be more specific, the price has gone from 40 cents a bushel to \$1.38 a bushel. In considering this price only the best grade is included, but the other grades are affected to some extent. It is not to any corner that this rise is due, but last year at harvest time the excessive rains so interfered that acres and acres were lost, and the crop of the United States is estimated at 1,250,000 bags against 3,500,000 bags the preceding year. And then the crop is of an inferior quality, too.

Next to Petersburg and Suffolk, Virginia, Paducah ranks first and the change of price has been felt by the local cleaners. The price on the best grade is now 6 1/2 c. per pound against 3 1/2 c. at the same time last year, and Mr. Scott anticipates the price will soar to 10 1/2 c. a pound by July 15, thus establishing a new high point the last being in 1888, when the price went to 12 1/2 c. but a corner was the cause of this flight. Before the new crop comes in in November, Mr. Scott thinks he is safe in predicting the price will double again.

Paducah receives about 55 per cent of the produce from Tennessee, but last year this state had a full crop, it being Virginia where the greatest loss was felt.

Labor Conditions Help.

Labor conditions enter into the rise, too, as it is almost impossible in the producing belt to hire help and make any margin of profit for the grower. In Virginia a great number of men have been employed at excessive wages to construct the buildings for the exposition and the farmers have been in a pinch for laborers to plant this year's plant. Heretofore the peanuts have been picked from the vines by hand after being removed from the ground, which was an expensive way as well as a decidedly slow one. But a machine has been invented that removes the "goobers" with great rapidity. What success this machine will make is yet to be ascertained, but should it prove successful it will revolutionize the industry.

While in quality the United States product ranks first of all, in quantity it ranks after the states of the northern African coast, and 65 per cent of the peanuts used last year were imported from Japan, Turkey, Spain and Africa.

Estimates place \$40,000,000 as the sum spent by people of the United States annually for the commodity. Most of the product of the other countries is used in Germany and France, where oil is extracted and peanut flour is made, which comprises one of the chief rations of the German army. Still, the crop of this country will average an increase of 2 cents a pound over the imported stock.

Spanish peanuts are affected in the increase. Priced at 9 cents a pound now, it is almost a certainty they will go to 13 cents.

N. C. & ST. L. STATIONS WILL HAVE FLOWER BEDS.

Notification has been received here at the local office of the N. C. & St. L. railroad that the grounds of passenger stations between Paducah and Memphis must be beautified. The road had a park here last summer but with this order the officials will make it more beautiful. Schmaus Brothers have the local contract and are now working on the improvement. The railroad company has a large hot house at Nashville, the headquarters, where all the flowers are housed during the winter, and the grade of flowers improved.

WEATHER FORECAST.



Generally fair tonight with frost. Sunday Increasing cloudiness. Highest temperature yesterday, 53; lowest today, 37.

TOWN CUT OFF.

Fort Wayne, Ind., April 20.—Knight Bros.' bank at Zanesville was robbed this morning. The robbers cut the telephone cables and all telegraph lines to the town and details are not yet obtained.

SECTION PARALYZED.

Fernie, B. C., April 20.—Fifteen thousand men are now involved in the coal miners' strike, including those at Smeltose, which have closed. Industries in every part of the west within a radius of 300 miles are closing down. No trains can be operated in this locality unless miners return to work.

SWIFT'S FIRE.

Chicago, April 20.—Fire this morning destroyed Swift & Company's four story warehouse containing tinned meat and then spread to the six story lard refinery. The loss will be heavy.

MARVIN BOY.

Gloversville, N. Y., April 20.—Carefully guarded by the police, a four-year-old believed to be kidnapped Horace Marvin, is being held pending the arrival of Miles Standish, Dr. Marvin's brother-in-law, who is expected to positively identify him as the missing boy.

PANHANDLE FROZEN.

Ft. Worth, April 20.—The extreme northern Texas Panhandle is covered with an inch of snow this morning. Such weather never was experienced in Texas before at this time of year.

DISLIKES NOTORIETY.

Washington, April 20.—Secretary Loch, acting under instructions from the president, has requested newspaper correspondents to abstain from chronicling private affairs of the Roosevelt family. In pursuance of this wish, he has also asked newspaper men to cease their visits to the white house at night.

WARSHIP SINKS.

Valetta, Malta, April 20.—One man was drowned in an accident to the British destroyer Ariel during the maneuvers here. The warship collided with the breakwater and sank.

BANK CLOSES.

Seymour, Iowa, April 20.—The Drovers and Merchants State bank closed its doors today. It is said Cashier Ware attempted suicide. President Evans says depositors will not suffer, no matter what report the examiner makes.

GRAIN MARKET.

Cincinnati, April 20.—Wheat, 79 1/2; corn, 52; oats, 45.

PHILIPPINE FIRE.

Manila, April 20.—Fire today destroyed 111 homes and parts of Paco and Bambang districts. Natives are being sheltered in school houses. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. No casualties are reported.

TOO REALISTIC.

London, April 20.—Posing for a moving picture near Croyden cost the life of William Zeits. He impersonated a railway signal man and was bound to the tracks by robbers in representing the railroad wrecking scene. An error in signaling caused the train to run down the man while bound.

RETAIL TRADE IS FEELING SPRING

Prices Up Again After Depression of Weeks 1.

Bank Clearings Show Gain of More Than \$100,000 Over Same Day Last Year.

GLASS PLANT PROGRESSING.

Bank clearings\$812,613
Same week last year 658,894
Increase 153,719

After a depression in all lines last week from the inclement weather, business this week has responded well to the favorable conditions. Retail trade again has taken on the spring volume and the wholesale trade is better. The wholesale houses selling principally in the small towns to stores that supply the farms, feel the effect of bad weather first and heaviest, as rain on the farm means complete cessation of work and large ly therefore of consumption. The farmer doesn't get to town to take the goods off the dealers' shelves and the traveling man has a poor week. The clearings this week show an increase that indicates the conditions. Tobacco still is playing an important part in business.

Work on the glass plant is progressing rapidly, and it will probably be ready for operation the first of July.

START OUT TO SEE WORLD.

What Thy Saw Between Maxon and Paducah Satisfied.

Barefooted, shivering from cold and with only 43 cents capital, Jordina Stone, a negro girl, 11 years old, left home at Maxon's Mill yesterday with Hunter Peyton, another negro girl 12 years old to see the world. They got as far as Paducah. The girls refused to explain why they ran away when arrested last night by Patrolmen Billy Orr and Jack Sanders. They came in at 8 o'clock on the Cairo train and were recognized by a negro man who took charge of them. This morning a telephone message from parents at Maxon's Mill secured aid from the police, and soon the runaways were under arrest. At 9:30 o'clock this morning they were sent home.

MRS. MALLORY SUSTAINS
PROBABLY FATAL BURNS

Word was received here today of the probably fatal burns received by Mrs. Pearl Mallory at her home near Cobb, Ky., last Thursday morning. Mrs. Mallory has visited here and has many acquaintances. She and her sister were around a fire, where a servant was making soap, when the flames caught her dress, and burned her so severely that recovery is improbable. Her sister fought the flames and was burned on the hands. Mrs. Mallory is a sister of Mrs. D. A. Amoss, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Cobb.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CLEAR
NEARLY \$100 ON MINSTREL

The High school boys in their minstrel made a great success both in point of attendance and financially. Yesterday after a matinee performance was given to the school children. The expenses of the entertainment were covered by the afternoon, leaving proceeds of the evening to the June issue of the "Shkoodah." Although not definitely known yet the proceeds will be about \$100.

DIFFERENTIAL REMAINS SAME

American tobacco stemmeries were pleased with the information that the new British budget carries the same tariff on tobacco that obtained last year—72 cents on leaf and 73 cents on strips. The preceding year the differential was six cents and little stemming was done here, as the difference between the natural leaf tariff and the tariff on strips made the industry unprofitable. A cablegram received by W. A. Martin & company conveyed the good news. Paducah feels the benefit of the stemming industry.

IF HE HAD A MILLION DOLLARS.



—Berryman in Washington Star.

Police Commissioners Are Defied And Mayoralty Fight Grows Warm

Resignation of Patrolman Albert Senser Discloses Bitterness of Struggle Before The Democratic Primary

THE SITUATION IS INTERESTING.

As remarked by The Sun a few days ago the fight for the Democratic mayoralty nomination centers around police headquarters and the storm broke yesterday, when Patrolman Albert Senser, for four years one of the best policemen on the force, threw up his job, and declared he was tired of persecution for politics' sake.

Senser is for Tom Harrison for mayor and for Joe Purchase for city jailer and he has no hesitancy in saying so.

The board of police and fire commissioners are for Reed for mayor and divided on the question of city jailer. Thereby hangs a tale.

As told by Senser, he was riding on a street car when a member of the board of police and fire commissioners approached him and asked about the state of his politics. He told the commissioner plainly.

"You may have all the fun you want now," commented the commissioner grimly. "But we'll get you before we are through with you."

Senser's resignation came like a bomb shell to headquarters yesterday. He was closeted for a long while with Chief Collins after the missive was handed in.

"I am for Harrison," said Senser, "and the commissioners were getting ready to discharge me. I have been humiliated all I desire. I was taken off the day watch and put on at midnight. I am one of the oldest men on the force in point of service, and that is the reward for long and faithful service."

Mayor Not a Party.

Mayor Yeiser and Senser are friends and the resignation cut the mayor deeply. It is said when they met, Mayor Yeiser assured Senser that he would not be discharged for anything less than breach of duty, and it is probable that the mayor would have seen to it, for more than once he has displayed his independence of the "city hall" influence notably in the appointment of E. H. Puryear as police judge to succeed the late Judge Sanders. His action almost precipitated a serious factional fight as the police crowd were for Dave Cross to a man.

More trouble is looked for in the police force and the Democratic primary will find at least half the force in jeopardy; for it is believed the commissioners are demanding obedience in the matter of voting at the city primary, and Harrison claims 17 of the policemen.

In the fire department three resignations have been accepted in the last two weeks.

OWENSBORO QUIET DURING ELECTION

Every Vehicle in City in Use and Full Vote Will Be Pollled Before Night—Both Sides Are Confident

WOMEN AND CHILDREN PARADE.

Owensboro, Ky., April 20. (Special)—The local option election is passing off quietly. There is not the slightest friction or disturbance. Everybody on both sides is in a pleasant humor. Both sides are confident. Some wets offer to bet two to one. The big feature today is a parade of women and children with banners from polling place to polling place, singing and praying. They are doing it in perfect good order and no effort is made to block the passage to the polling booths or to interfere in the slightest with voters. There are 700 or 800 in the parade. Every vehicle in the city, public and private, of every kind is being used to haul voters to the polls. The registered vote is 4,050, and most of it will be polled.

NEW SEATS LACK ROOM FOR BOOKS

The new seats that have arrived to seat the auditorium of the High school have created some discussion among the pupils of the school as to where they are to put their books. On the back of each seat is a pocket for the purpose of storing books, but it is far too small to contain all the books one pupil is required to have. Each pupil has at least four books in addition to tablet, pen, ink and

TOBACCO EXHIBIT OF PADUCAH MAN

Advertises Western Kentucky All Over World—W. B. Kennedy Has Taken Several Prizes at Expositions

HIS DISPLAY AT JAMESTOWN.

Mr. W. B. Kennedy, the tobacco broker, shipped a fine exhibit of dark tobaccos to the Jamestown exposition today. Mr. Kennedy was awarded the second highest prize for his displays at the world's fair in St. Louis, and has great hopes of capturing the first at Jamestown. Louisville won the first prize at St. Louis, but the samples contributing to its exhibit were secured from the best tobaccos of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky, while Mr. Kennedy only sent samples of western Kentucky tobaccos. There are 25 samples of tobaccos in the exhibit sent to Jamestown, and all grades, English, in the good, medium and common, Austrian, the best tobaccos raised around here, French, Italian, and Spanish. Mr. Kennedy and Paducah get a great deal of advertising from the exhibits Mr. Kennedy has made at the different fairs. "I was amply repaid for the expense and trouble of assembling my exhibits by the good advertising," Mr. Kennedy said today. "And it is surprising from what quarters of the globe I have heard I expect the Jamestown display to be as fruitful of good results."

other auxiliaries, but the pocket can not hold more than two books of ordinary size. One pupil remarked he thought they were for the envelopes when a collection was taken up. While the seats present a somewhat better appearance than the desks now in the auditorium, they will not furnish the accommodations for books.

ROB MAIL POUCH DURING TRANSFER

Nortonville Scene of Mysterious Series of Crimes

Letters Abstracted While Being Carried From L. & N. To I. C. Train Last Night.

BURGLARS BREAK IN WINDOW

Nortonville, Ky., April 20.—Home talent, it is believed, has accomplished its second mail pouch robbery, abstracting the contents of a transfer pouch from a Louisville & Nashville train to an Illinois Central train. Little of the contents were removed. Since January another similar robbery took place, and several articles have been missed around the station.

Barber Shop Is Robbed.

Someone entered Lee Bell's barber shop, 125 Kentucky avenue, last night and stole a small savings bank, containing between \$3 and \$5. Entrance is supposed to have been gained by removing a pane of glass from a back window and unlocking it. Nothing further has been missed by the proprietor.

REAL ESTATE MARKET.

More Active Now Than in Recent Years—Building.

Paducah's real estate market is probably more active than it has ever been in the history of the city. All agents report great demands for property, which, of course, means good prices. One of the most prominent of the real estate agents today said that he has far more inquiries for property than he has property, and that has been the condition with him all spring. Values, too, are high, increases in some localities being as much as 25 per cent. The building trades are active, and there are more substantial improvements and construction under way than in any previous year for some time.

FALLS WHILE PLAYING
AND BREAKS HER ARM

Miss Inez Ayres, who lives with her grandmother, Mrs. L. L. Boswell, 423 North Fifth street, while playing with other children at Mrs. William Hughes, 1627 West Jefferson street, fell and fractured her right arm last night. Dr. Frank Boyd reduced the fracture, which was in the same place as a former fracture.

Opal Tyree, eight years old, daughter of Mr. Neal Tyree, of 2004 Bridge street, fell last evening while playing in the yard and broke her right arm below the elbow. Dr. Carl M. Sears dressed the injury.

RELIGIOUS PAPER AGENT
ARRESTED AT SMITHLAND

The Rev. Hickman, alias Hicks, is under arrest in Smithland on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, having been indicted by the grand jury, which adjourned this week. He was supposed to be agent for the Western Recorder and was collecting money for it. He was caught near Golconda by Sheriff W. D. Bishop, while holding a meeting.

WOMEN ATTACK BRUTE
WHO ABUSED HIS WIFE

London, O., April 20.—Sixteen women beat George Ward, a farmer, until tattered, bruised and exhausted, he was removed to his home in a serious condition. Ward was charged with cruelty to his wife, who died of consumption, and was buried yesterday. He was attacked while returning from the funeral.

ASSAULTED LITTLE CHILD
AND MOB SEEKS HIS LIFE

Lima, O., April 20.—George Myers, charged with outraging a four-year-old child, landed in jail today only after officers had eluded an enraged mob bent on lynching Myers. The military will guard the jail tonight, as mob violence is feared.

Plans for New Home.

Mr. A. L. Lassiter, the architect, returned today at noon from Fulton, where he went to submit plans for a residence to be built by Mr. Smith Fields. The home will be a handsome frame structure on the colonial style and the cost will be between \$6,000 and \$7,000.